

brownish, unkempt appearance very typical of soil poisoning. The ultimate result of applications of aluminum sulfate is a thin, weakened stand of grass. You can try this for yourself on a small scale but would certainly caution against large scale operations with this compound.

B. R. Leach.

Cricket Moles

Sir:

Can you tell me some means of ridding my course of cricket moles? One fairway has had them for about two years. This summer they have attacked more fairways and are in one green.

F. M. K.

(Fla.)

Reply:

There are two methods of controlling cricket moles which have given a fair measure of success in actual practice.

The first method consists in the use of a poisoned mash or bait made up of bran, paris green and certain attracting agents. Would suggest that you get in touch with the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville, Fla., for detailed information regarding the preparation and use of this bait.

Good results have also been reported from the use of calcium cyanide in controlling mole crickets and I suggest that you write the American Cyanamid Co., New York City, for information along this line. This company maintains agents and field men in Florida who can no doubt be of assistance to you.

B. R. Leach.

Puff Balls in Greens

Sir: We have been troubled this summer with fungus growth on our greens, particularly from puff-balls. Can you give us any information on eliminating these fungi?—G. R. (Mass.)

Reply:

Since receiving your letter of October 17th I have had some correspondence with Dr. John Monteith of the Green Section with regard to puff balls. He advises that puff balls are generally conceded to arise from the spores of the puff-ball fungus which enters the soil of the green and obtains a ready foothold due to the presence of ample organic matter in the soil. They can be controlled by using a drench of a weak solution of semesan or corrosive sublimate (brown patch dosage). It is usually necessary to fork the infested area so that the solution may penetrate well into the soil and kill all of the fungus spores.

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